GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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Funds to PRIs
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the norms and rules governing the utilisation of funds allocated to Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) under different schemes;
(b) whether the funds allocated to the States under different schemes have been fully utilized by them;
(c) if not, the reasons therefor, State wise; and
(d) the action taken by the Government to ensure full utilisation of funds allocated under Panchayati Raj Scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) to (d) The Ministry of Panchayati Raj implements the Scheme of "Capacity Building Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan (CB-PSA)" and funds under the scheme are provided to the States/ UTs on the basis of their Annual Plans as approved by the Central Executive Committee (CEC). The Status of utilization of the funds released and utilised to states is monitored by the Central Executive Committee, which gives appropriate direction to the representatives of the States/UTs for ensuring proper utilization of the funds provided to the States. The funds are not directly earmarked to the Panchayats.

Under the scheme 'Incentivization of Panchayats', Ministry of Panchayati Raj incentivizes the best performing Panchayats/States/UTs every year on the occasion of National Panchayati Raj Day. As mandated in the guidelines, award money released under the scheme is to be utilized for public purposes and the release of award money to States/UTs for Panchayats is subject to submission of requisite UCs of previous years' award money.

A statement indicating the funds released and funds utilized in 2016-17 and fund released in 2017-18 in respect of CB-PSA is at Annexure-I and in respect of 'Incentivization of Panchayats' is at Annexure-II. Performance of States/ UTs are reviewed to facilitate full utilization.